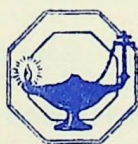


WESTMINSTER ABBEY



The Birthday Festival Service of Toc H



Saturday, December 7, 1957
at 4.30 p.m.



The Music of the Service

Before the Service there shall be played :

Solemn Melody Walford Davies (1869-1941)
"Sheep may safely graze" J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Sonata in D minor (2nd movement) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)
Minuet from "Berenice" G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

After the Service there shall be played :

Prelude in E flat J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



The Anthem

Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways :

Gustav Holst (1874-1934). Clifford Bax (b. 1886).

The Hymns

Let all the world in every corner sing :

George Herbert (1593-1632).

Tune : Luckington, by B. Harwood (1859-1949).
A.M.R. 375.

O Thou not made with hands :

F. T. Palgrave (1824-1877).

Tune : Old 120th, Psalms, 1570. A.M.R. 259.

Our Father, by whose servants : G. W. Briggs (b. 1875).

Tune : Aurelia, by S. S. Wesley (1810-1876). A.M.R.
255.

Go forth with God :

Barclay Baron (b. 1884).

Tune : Toc H, by Martin Shaw (b. 1876). A.M.R.
500.

Order of Service



When the Dean and Chapter and other Officers of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter in Westminster have been conducted to their places, there shall be sung :

*L*ET all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King !
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly,
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King !

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King !
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out ;
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King !

Then shall the Precentor say :

- V. Except the Lord build the house,
R. *Their labour is but lost that build it.*
V. Except the Lord keep the city,
R. *The watchman waketh but in vain.*
V. Where there is no vision,
R. *The people perish.*

BRETHREN, we have come together to offer up to God, as is our bounden duty, our worship and praise and thanksgiving ; and because we make this our offering in the name of him who is the Light of the world, let us pray that the darkness of sin and pride in our hearts may be dispelled by the light of his great love and mercy.

Let us pray.

Then shall the Congregation kneel and say :

O GOD, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed : we have not loved thee with all our heart ; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee ; cleanse us from our sins ; and help us to overcome our faults ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Precentor say :

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

JESUS said : The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation.

For, behold, the Kingdom is within you.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all things shall be added unto you.

R. *Lord, take our hearts and wills, and build thy Kingdom there.*

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Where two or three are gathered together, there am I in the midst.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another.

R. *Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.*

The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

R. *Lord Jesus, teach us so to serve.*

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Condemn not and ye shall not be condemned.

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good.

R. *God be in our heads, and in our understanding : God be in our hearts, and in our thinking.*

I will have mercy and not sacrifice : for I am come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

I have compassion on the multitude. And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

R. *Fill our hearts with thy love, O Christ.*

Not every one that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father.

When thou doest alms, may they be in secret ; and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

R. *So shall we be content to witness humbly.*

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation : but be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world.

R. *So shall we build.*

Thou indeed art the way, the truth and the life.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall all sit during the singing of the Anthem following :

'TURN BACK, O MAN, forswear thy foolish ways.'
Old now is Earth, and none may count her

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Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with
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Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim—
'Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.'

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.
Age after age their tragic empires rise,
Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep:
Would Man but wake from out his haunted sleep,
Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one :
Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky,
Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry—
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The Congregation shall remain seated for the reading of

The Lesson

St. Mark IV, 21-32.

JESUS said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed ? and not to be set on a candle-stick ? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested : neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear : with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you ; and unto you that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given ; and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath. And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground ; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself ; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God ? or with what comparison shall we compare it ? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth : but when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches : so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.



ALL O THOU not made with hands,
Not throned above the skies,
Nor walled with shining walls,
Nor framed with stones of price,
More bright than gold or gem,
God's own Jerusalem !

CHOIR Where'er the gentle heart
Finds courage from above ;
Where'er the heart forsook
Warms with the breath of love :
Where faith bids fear depart,
City of God, thou art.

CHOIR Thou art where'er the proud
In humbleness melts down ;
Where self itself yields up ;
Where martyrs win their crown :
Where faithful souls possess
Themselves in perfect peace ;

ALL Where in life's common ways
With cheerful feet we go ;
Where in his steps we tread,
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Then shall the Precentor say :

Let us pray.

CHRIST, whom men saw on the mountain-top
transfigured with the splendour of God ; Christ,
whom they saw at thy ascension girt about with
the light of heaven, thy pierced hands stretched
out in longing over the world ; open our eyes to
see thee as thou art ; help us so to know thee that
we may love thee ; so to love thee that we may
grow more like thee ; so to follow thee that
through us others may know thee, and find in thee
their hope, their life and their joy. *Amen.*

O THOU who art the light of the world, and the
life of men : Be thou our light, thou only our life ;
and so shine within us and through us that men
may see our good works, and glorify our Father
who is in heaven ; for thy name's sake. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY FATHER, in thy love look down upon
the family of To-day and be with the groups of
men who seek one another, using the strength of
the strong, the love of the friendly, the faith of
the valiant, the plans of the wise, the example of
the unselfish. Bind them to one another that their
strength and their love and their faith are for all,
that no man is lonely any more. Bless their plans,
that with all their strength and their love and their
faith they pursue them, leaping with joy to their
tasks. Teach them the truth that men serve
together as they can never serve alone, with
laughter and with gladness, knowing no weariness,
fearing no sacrifice, for the sake of Jesus Christ
their Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY FATHER, be with the family in every corner of the world. May the lamps burn, the service be rendered, the sacrifice be made. May the good thing be strengthened, bitterness be checked, discouragement disowned. May we strive to know thy will revealed in Christ and to do it. And may the common purpose, the common possession, the common faith, so bind us together that when thine hour comes we may be found a working, widening, deepening, family of faith. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us say together our two prayers :

O GOD, who hast so wonderfully made Toc H, and set men in it to see their duty as thy will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace ;
to check all bitterness ;
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to practise thanksgiving,
and to leap with joy to any task for others.
Strengthen the good thing thus begun, that with gallant and high-hearted happiness we may work for thy kingdom in the wills of men ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TEACH US, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest ;
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to fight and not to heed the wounds ;
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OUR FATHER, by whose servants
Our house was built of old,
Whose hand hath crowned her children
With blessings manifold,
For thine unfailing mercies
Far-strewn along our way,
With all who passed before us,
We praise thy name today.

The changeful years unresting
Their silent course have sped,
New comrades ever bringing
In comrades' steps to tread ;
And some are long forgotten,
Long spent their hopes and fears ;
Safe rest they in thy keeping,
Who changest not with years.

They reap not where they laboured,
We reap what they have sown ;
Our harvest may be garnered
By ages yet unknown.
The days of old have dowered us
With gifts beyond all praise :
Our Father, make us faithful
To serve the coming days.

Before us and beside us,
Still holden in thine hand,
A cloud unseen of witness,
Our elder brethren stand :
One family unbroken,
We join, with one acclaim,
One heart, one voice uplifting,
To glorify thy name.



The Sermon

Preacher :

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*During the singing of the hymn following a
Collection will be taken, which will be given, after
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to the Family Purse of Toc H.*

ALL **G**O FORTH with God ! the day is now
That thou must meet the test of youth ;
Salvation's helm upon thy brow,
Go, girded with the living truth.
In ways thine elder brethren trod
Thy feet are set. Go forth with God !

CHOIR Dark is the day and long the quest
That claims the service of thy sword,
But righteousness shall steel thy breast
That wears the armour of the Lord.
Prepared and patient to fulfil,
Go forth with God and do his will.

ALL The Lord of Life his life did yield ;
Thy brethren counted death no loss.
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The blazon of the two-fold cross.
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CHOIR Behold with thine uplifted eyes
Beauty through all that sorrow seems ;
And make of earth a paradise,
The substance of thy dearest dreams.
Bring laughter to thy great employ :
Go forth with God and find his joy !

ALL Go forth with God ! the world awaits
The coming of the pure and strong.
Strike for the faith and storm the gates
That keep the citadel of wrong :
Glory shall shine about thy road.
Great heart, if thou go forth with God.

*Then shall all kneel and the Dean shall say the
Collect of the First Sunday in Advent :*

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast
away the works of darkness, and put upon us the
armour of light, now in the time of this mortal
life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us
in great humility ; that in the last day, when he
shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge
both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the
life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

Amen.

Then shall the Dean pronounce

The Blessing



*The Congregation are
requested to remain in their
seats until directed by the Stewards to move*

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